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SOURCE The state of readiness of the Soviet forces in Germany for offensive action
 remains about the same as it was in July 1951; [REDACTED]

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Paragraph 5 d

Although construction of supply installations close to the zonal border has not been reported to date, new ammunition dumps have been established at Juterbog and Neuruppin, and new fuel dumps at Spremberg, Rathenow, and Neuruppin. In addition, the fuel depot at Rostock-Marienehe has been enlarged. These installations were planned and constructed entirely from the point of view of military considerations, such as the selection of concealed sites in remote places and the installation of fuel containers (either underground or buried in the ground up to at least one third of their height). The establishment of new supply installations is probably a natural concomitant of the Soviet desire to decentralize supply operations, but is not necessarily indicative of preparedness for an early war.

Paragraph 6

An increase in the number of Soviet replacements in the course of the last months has reduced the shortage of enlisted personnel to only 15 per cent. below wartime T/O strength.

Paragraph 7

The withdrawal of one and possibly one or two more fighter divisions from the Soviet zone of Germany to the east has weakened the present strength of the Soviet Air Force in the Soviet zone. However, the fact that the headquarters of these fighter divisions and the superior corps headquarters have remained in the Russian zone suggests the possibility that the air units which have departed will eventually return, possibly after being re-equipped with new aircraft.

An airfield near Prague, Czechoslovakia, is reported to have been improved under Soviet supervision.

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Paragraph 9 b

The transfer of personnel to replenish Soviet units stationed in Germany has been effected to some degree during the last months.

Paragraph 9 f

An increase in the volume of incoming ammunition shipments was observed in September 1951. It has not been determined whether this measure was taken in order to increase available stocks or only to replace the ammunition used during the period of field exercises.

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